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TALES OF SUSPENSE

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Black Widow died. Everyone saw it happen.

Hawkeye and the Winter Soldier both dated her (it's awkward).

Hawkeye thinks she's alive (and maybe killing Hydra agents).

The Winter Soldier thinks she's dead (and someone else is killing Hydra agents).

They tracked the mystery killer to an embassy in Chernaya, where they found the Black Widow's calling card before getting blown up. So that's a whole thing...

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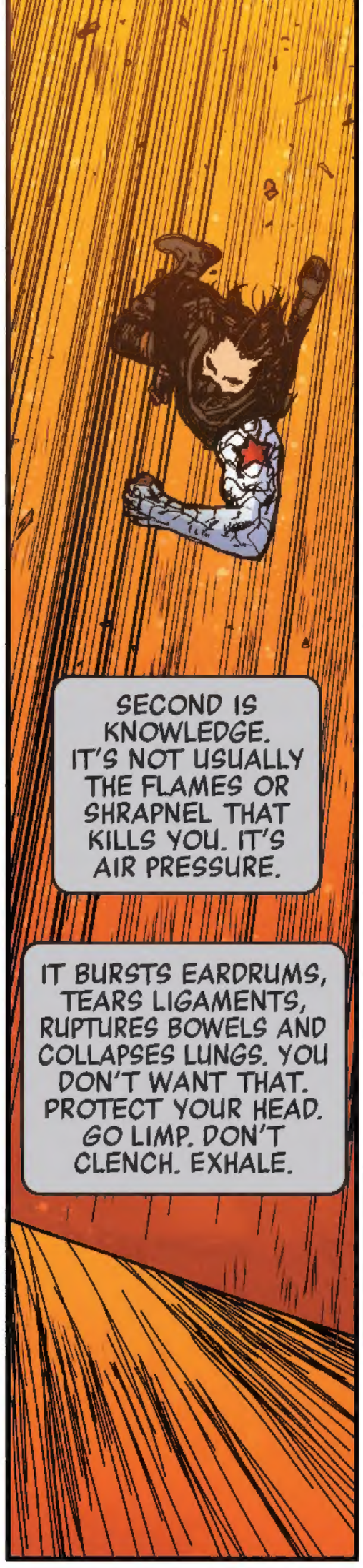
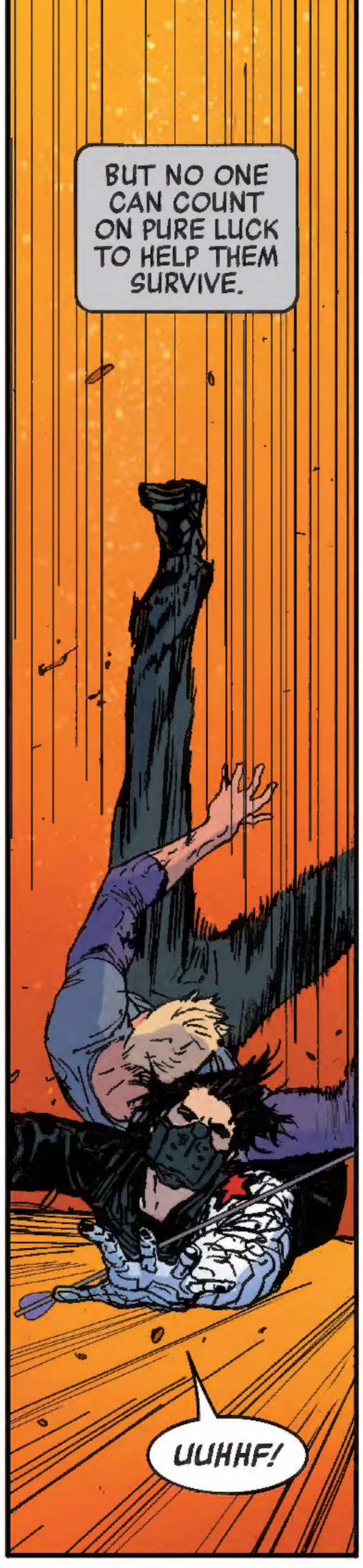
U.S. EMBASSY.
DOVBROTEL, CHERNAYA.
THERE ARE THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO SURVIVE AN EXPLOSION.
THE FIRST IS REFLEX. IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN LEARN. YOU EITHER HAVE IT OR YOU DON'T. YOU HAVE TO MOVE AT THE SPEED OF THOUGHT.





EXCEPT FOR THIS IDIOT.

WELL, THAT SUCKED. YOU OKAY THERE, BUCKY?

WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET OFF THE STREET BEFORE THE POLICE ASK US A BUNCHA QUESTIONS IN A LANGUAGE WE DON'T SPEAK.

I HATE HAWKEYE.

IT'S NOT GOOD TO BE STANDING STILL FOR TOO LONG, BUT WE NEED TO CATCH OUR BREATH AND GET OUR BEARINGS.

IT'S A NICE VIEW IF YOU CAN IGNORE THE WHOLE CIVIL WAR THAT JUST STARTED. YOU BRING ALL YOUR DATES UP HERE?

WE NEED TO LOOK FOR THE QUICKEST WAY OUT OF THE CITY.

I BET YOU SAY THAT TO ALL THE GIRLS.

WHAT IS THIS, ANYWAY?

HURKA. IT'S A TRADITIONAL DISH. YOU'LL NEED YOUR STRENGTH.

I BET THIS IS WHAT MAN-THING TASTES LIKE.

FIVE BUCKS IF I CAN HIT THAT TANK DRIVER DOWN THERE.

SO...WE GONNA TALK ABOUT THE FACT THAT NAT'S NOT DEAD?

SHE'S DEAD, CLINT. WE BOTH KNOW THAT.

YOU OWE ME FIVE BUCKS.

WHY ARE YOU LIKE THIS?

CHARMING?

THE BROODING TOUGH-GUY SHTICK.

WHY ARE YOU THE WAY YOU ARE?

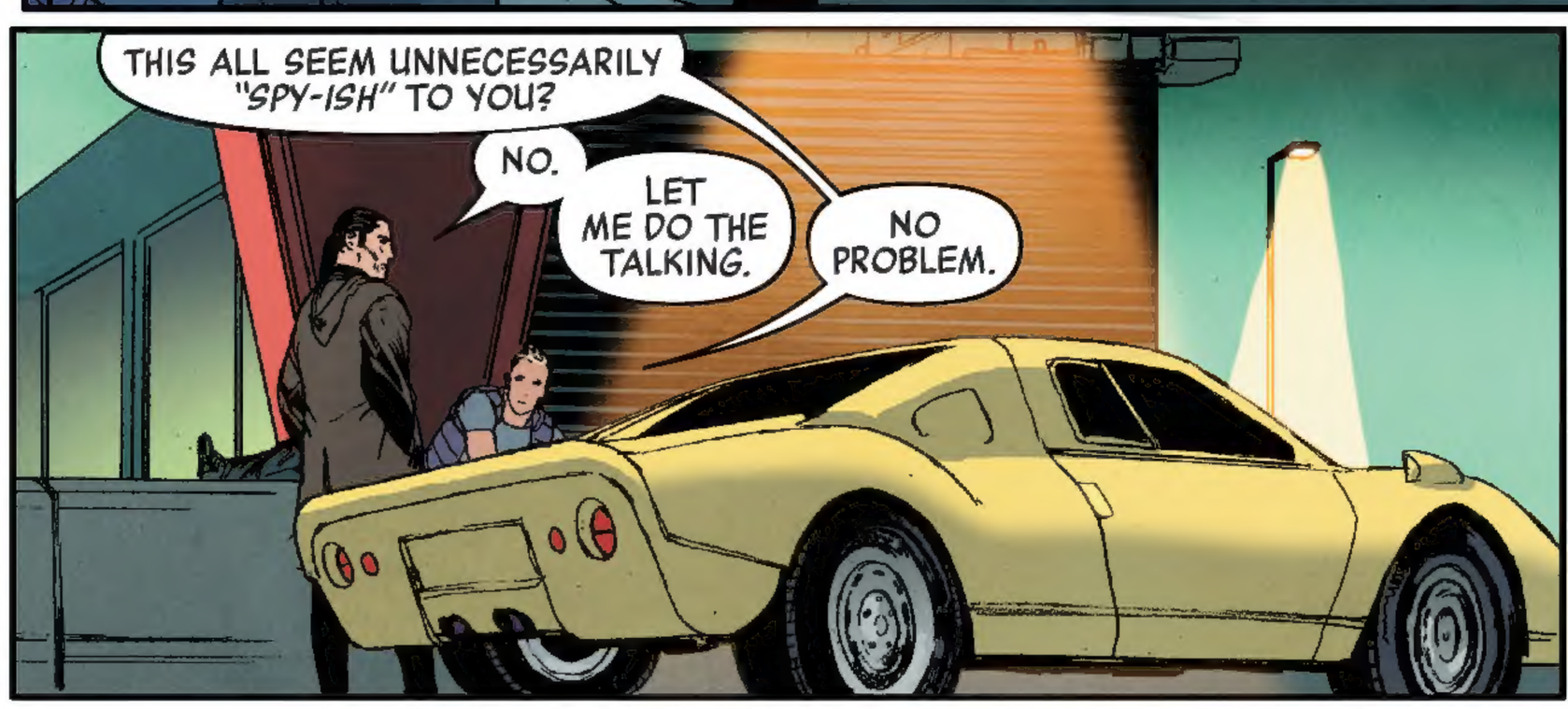
I WAS TRAINED AS A CHILD TO BE A KILLER AND SENT OFF TO DO BATTLE WITH EVIL ITSELF.

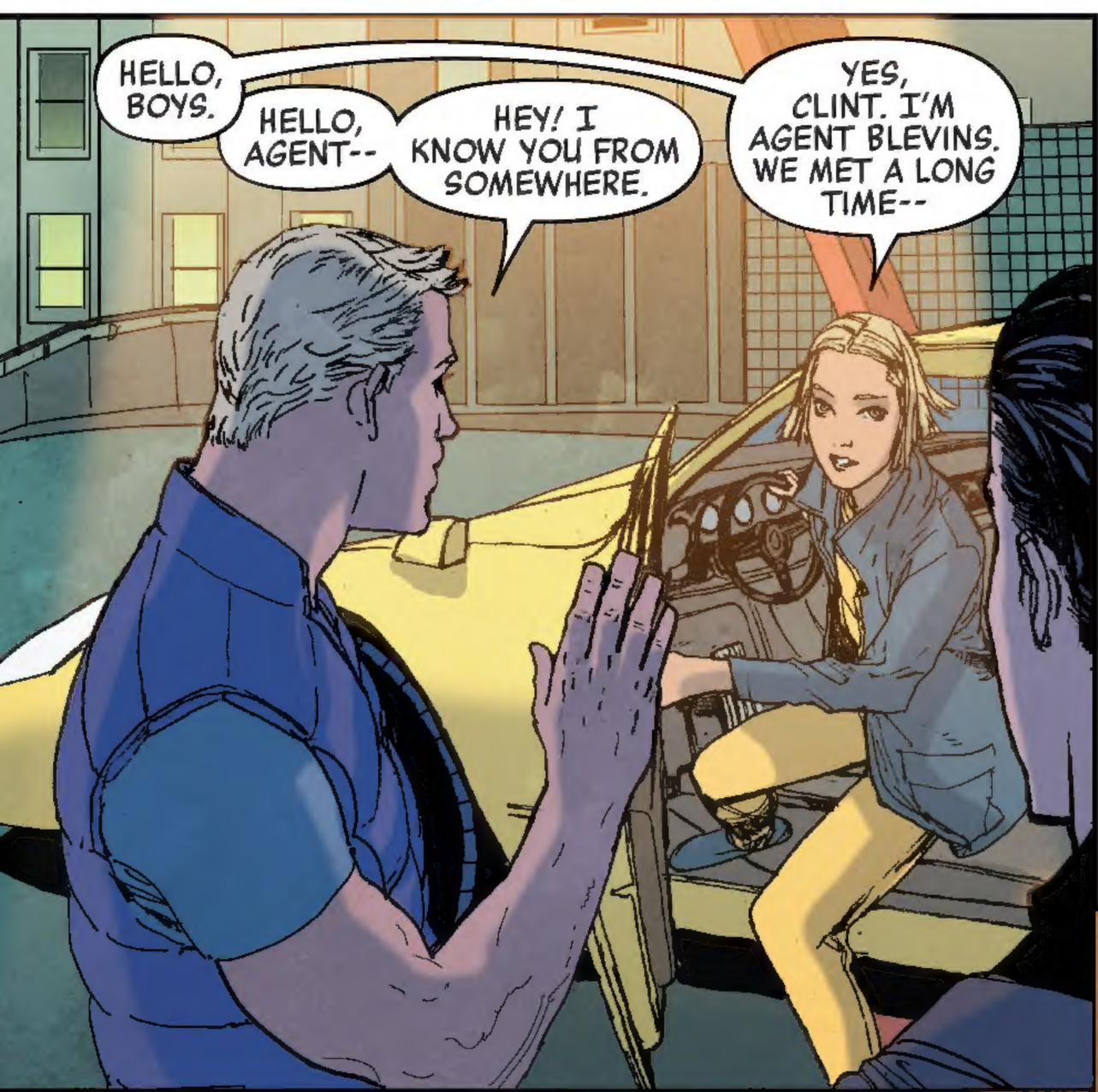
I WAS BLOWN UP, FROZEN, BRAINWASHED AND FORCED TO KILL FOR MY ENEMIES WHILE ALMOST EVERYONE I CARED ABOUT GREW OLD, FORGOT ME AND DIED.

THAT PROBABLY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.

"WAKE UP."
PARKING GARAGE.
WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK.

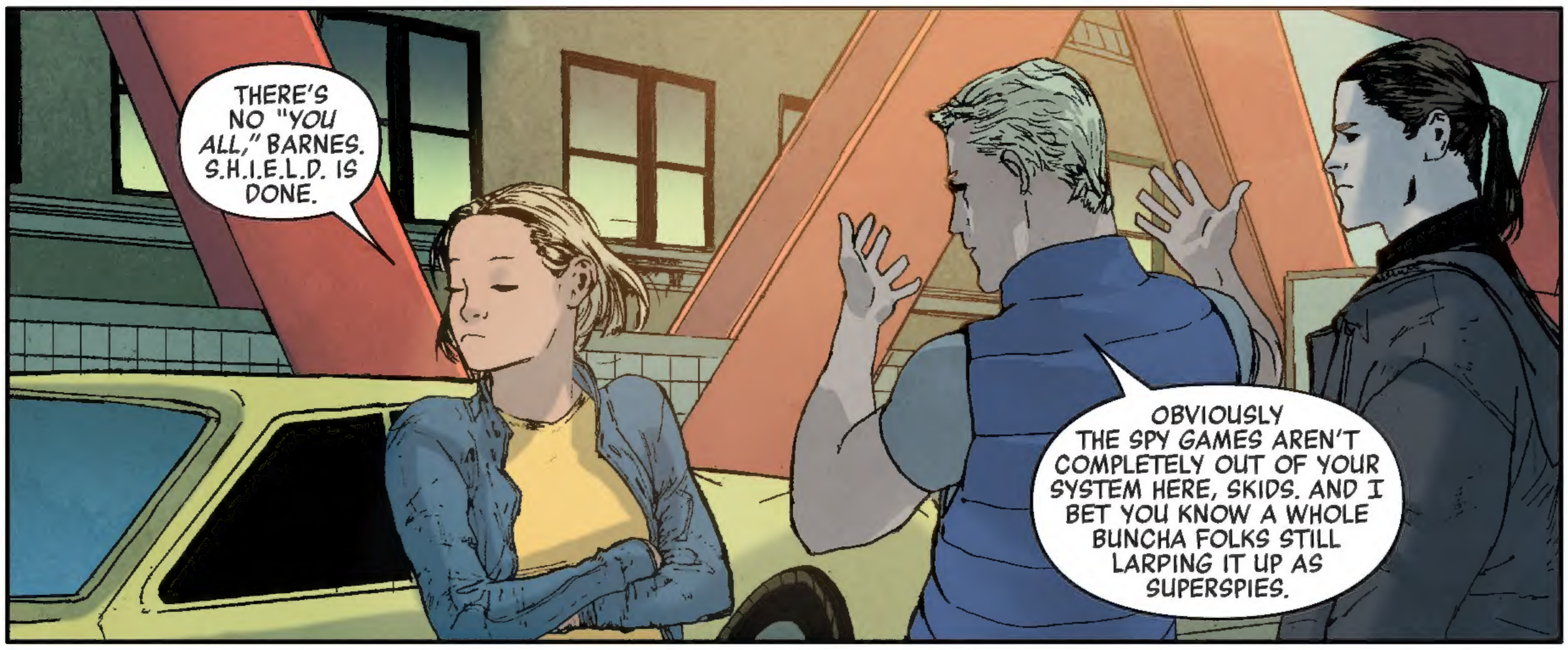
WHUH? I'M AWAKE. I'M AWAKE.
YOU WERE SNORING.
I DO THAT WHEN I'M AWAKE. DON'T YOU EVER SLEEP, MAN?
NO.
SPIES ALWAYS WANT TO MAKE EVERYTHING SO NEEDLESSLY CLANDESTINE.

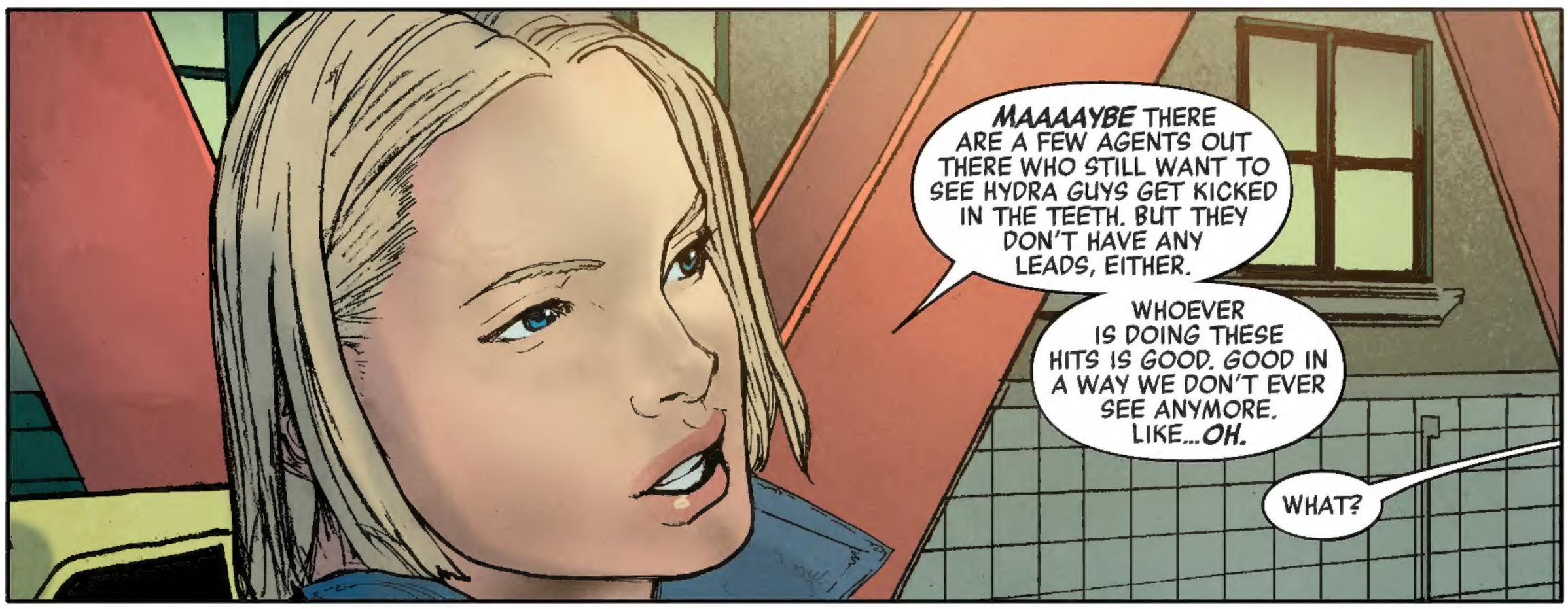

THIS ALL SEEM UNNECESSARILY "SPY-ISH" TO YOU?
NO.
LET ME DO THE TALKING.
NO PROBLEM.


HELLO, BOYS.
HELLO, AGENT--
HEY! I KNOW YOU FROM SOMEWHERE.
YES, CLINT. I'M AGENT BLEVINS. WE MET A LONG TIME--

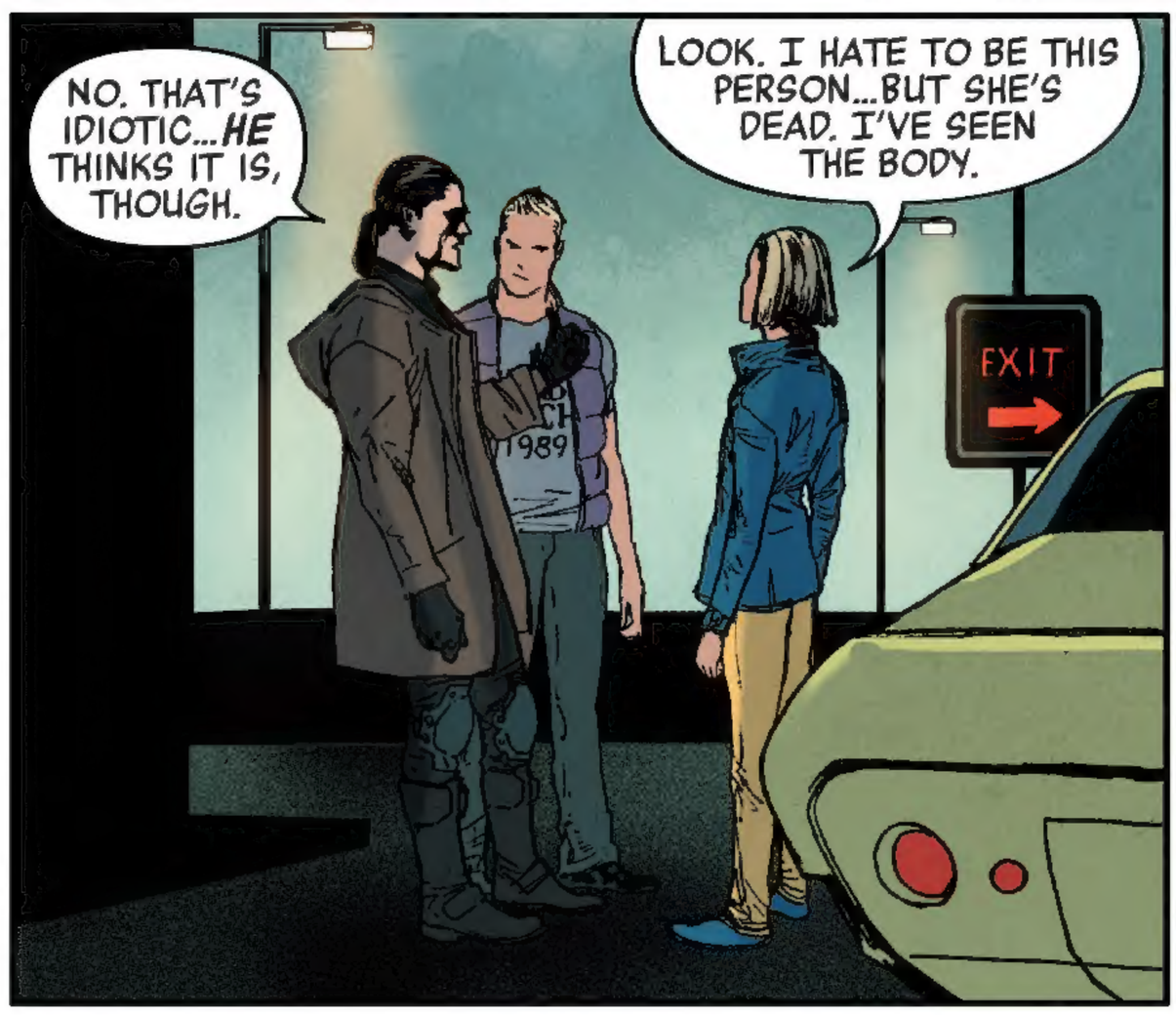
BOOM-BOOM! YOU'RE BOOM-BOOM! FROM THE NEW MUTANTS, RIGHT?
=SIGH= NO. SHE WAS MY TEAMMATE. I WAS KNOWN AS SKIDS. NOW PEOPLE CALL ME AGENT BLEVINS, OR JUST SALLY.
YOU LOOK GREAT, SKIDS.

AGENT BLEVINS, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING INTO THE MURDERS OF SOME HIGH-RANKING FORMER HYDRA OPERATIVES. WE WERE HOPING YOU ALL MIGHT HAVE SOME LEADS WE COULD FOLLOW.
EXIT


THERE'S NO "YOU ALL," BARNES. S.H.I.E.L.D. IS DONE.
OBVIOUSLY THE SPY GAMES AREN'T COMPLETELY OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM HERE, SKIDS. AND I BET YOU KNOW A WHOLE BUNCHA FOLKS STILL LARPING IT UP AS SUPERSPIES.

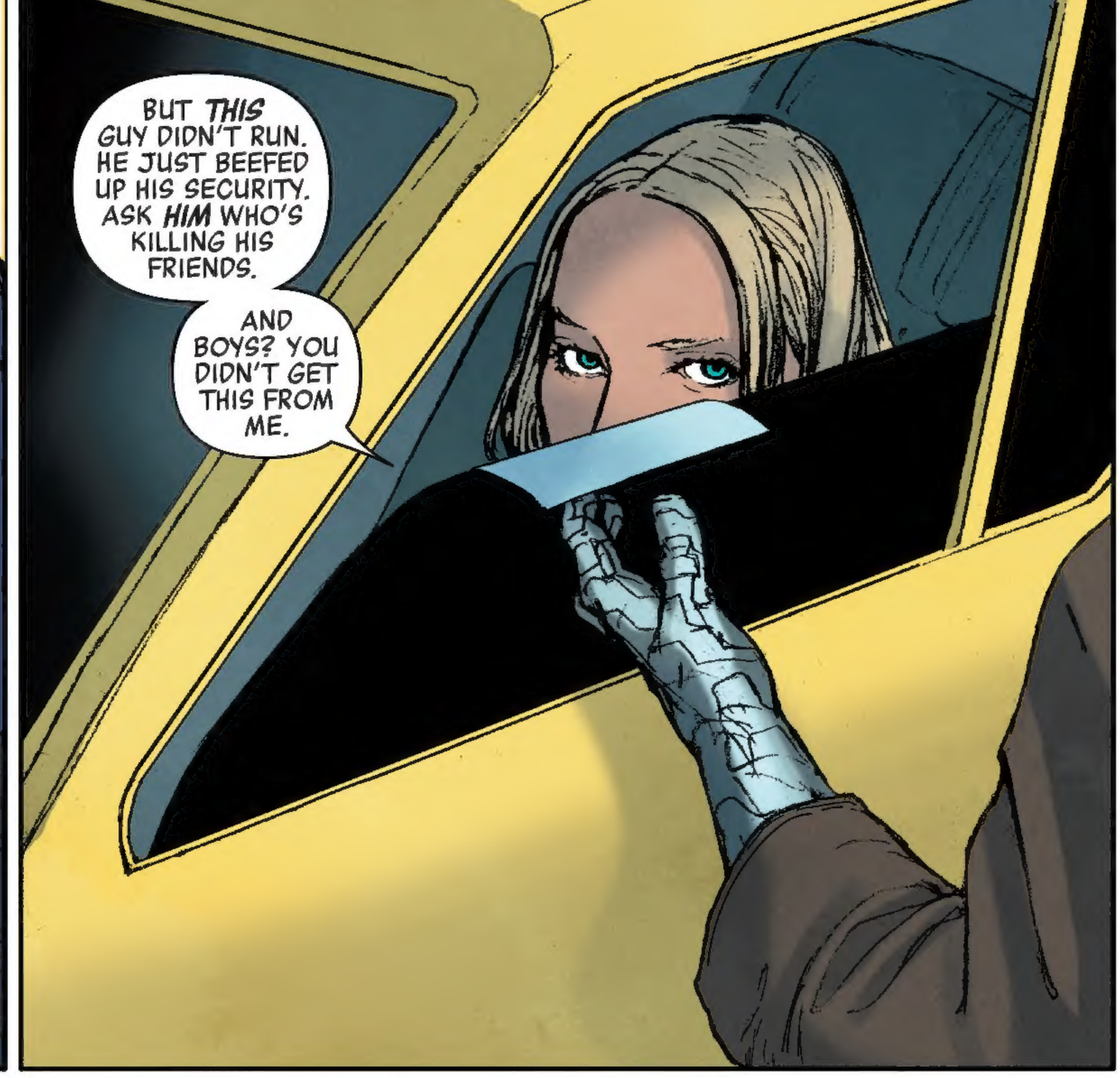

MAAAAYBE THERE ARE A FEW AGENTS OUT THERE WHO STILL WANT TO SEE HYDRA GUYS GET KICKED IN THE TEETH. BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ANY LEADS, EITHER.
WHOEVER IS DOING THESE HITS IS GOOD. GOOD IN A WAY WE DON'T EVER SEE ANYMORE. LIKE...OH.
WHAT?

THE TWO OF YOU. I GET IT.
GET WHAT?
YOU BOYS AND YOUR CRUSHES. YOU THINK IT'S HER.


NO. THAT'S IDIOTIC...HE THINKS IT IS, THOUGH.
LOOK. I HATE TO BE THIS PERSON...BUT SHE'S DEAD. I'VE SEEN THE BODY.
EXIT

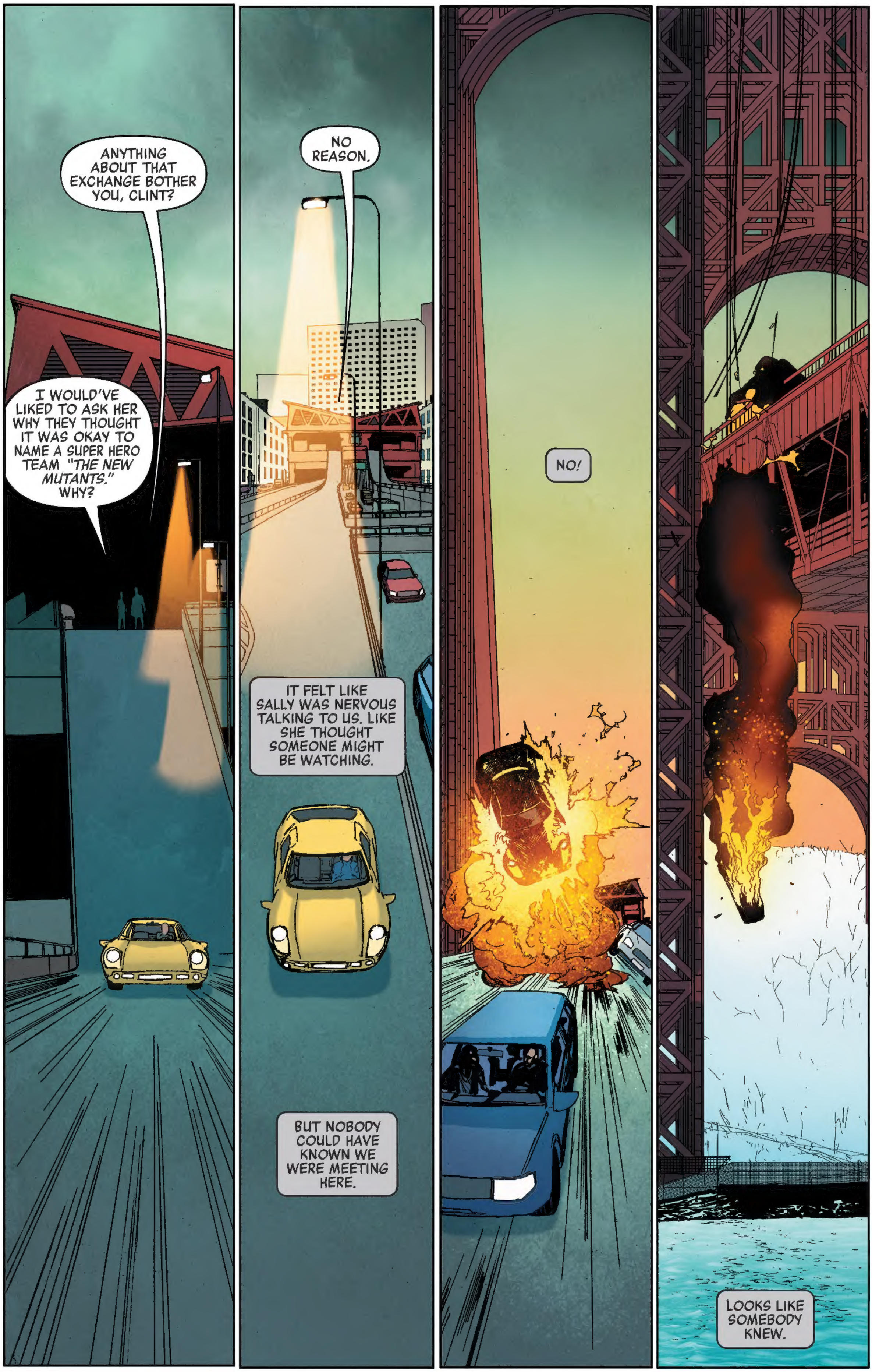
I JUST WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING.
THEN I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE MORE ANSWERS FOR YOU. MAYBE THEIR SIDE KNOWS MORE.

IF ANY OF US WERE STILL KEEPING TABS ON HYDRA, WE'D BE SEEING A LOT OF THEIR GUYS GOING EVEN DEEPER UNDERGROUND.
ESPECIALLY AFTER THE FUNERAL INCIDENT, CLINT.


BUT THIS GUY DIDN'T RUN. HE JUST BEEFED UP HIS SECURITY. ASK HIM WHO'S KILLING HIS FRIENDS.
AND BOYS? YOU DIDN'T GET THIS FROM ME.

I GET WHY YOU ALL ALWAYS MAKE THIS STUFF SO CLANDESTINE. IT'S FUN AS HELL.
IT IS.
SHUT UP.

WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT THE "FUNERAL INCIDENT"?
I HAVE NO IDEA.

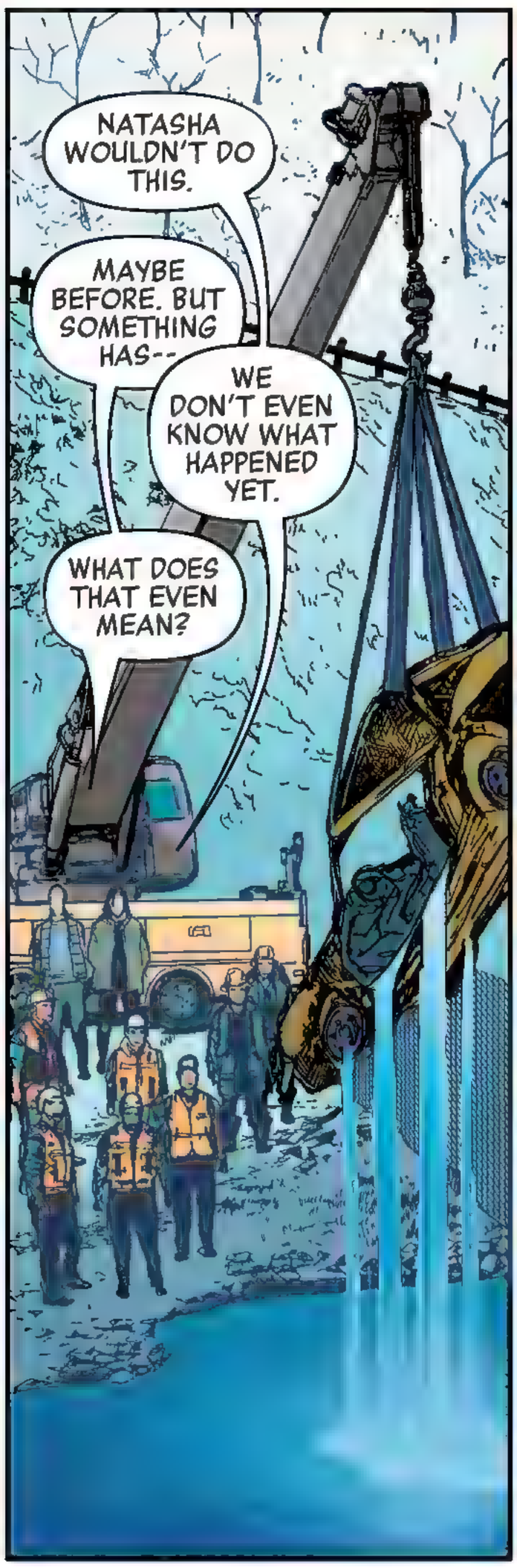

ANYTHING ABOUT THAT EXCHANGE BOTHER YOU, CLINT?
I WOULD'VE LIKED TO ASK HER WHY THEY THOUGHT IT WAS OKAY TO NAME A SUPER HERO TEAM "THE NEW MUTANTS." WHY?
NO REASON.
IT FELT LIKE SALLY WAS NERVOUS TALKING TO US. LIKE SHE THOUGHT SOMEONE MIGHT BE WATCHING.
BUT NOBODY COULD HAVE KNOWN WE WERE MEETING HERE.
NO!
LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY KNEW.

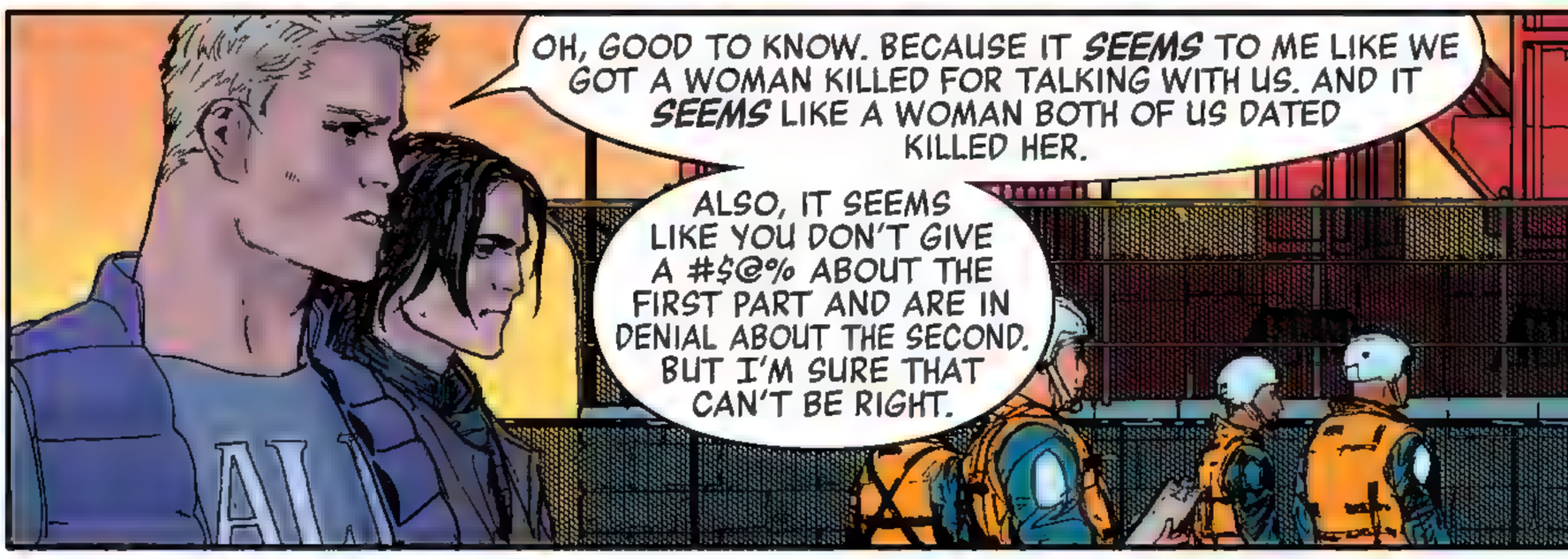
YOU WANT TO SAY IT, OR SHOULD I?

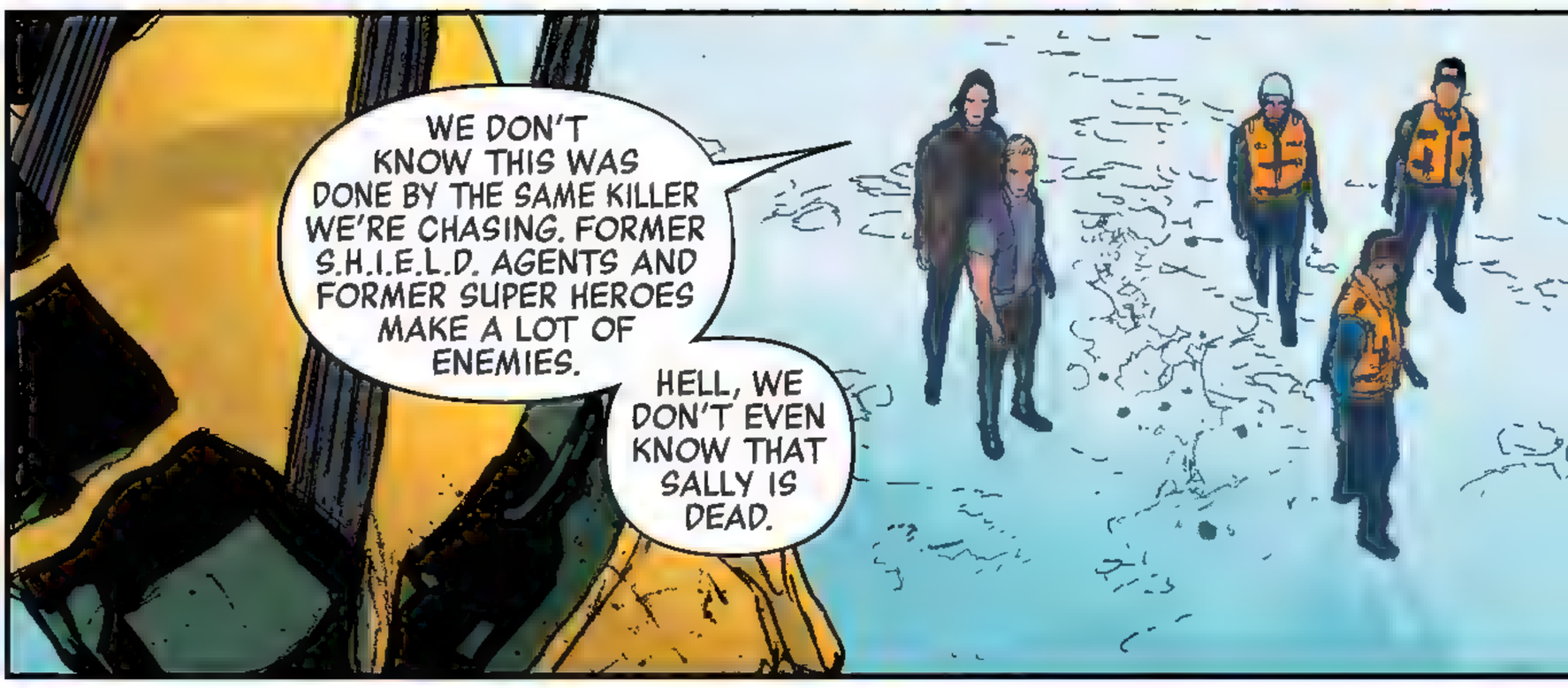
STOP.

OKAY. I WILL. I DON'T THINK NAT'S ON OUR TEAM ANYMORE.

MARINE 1





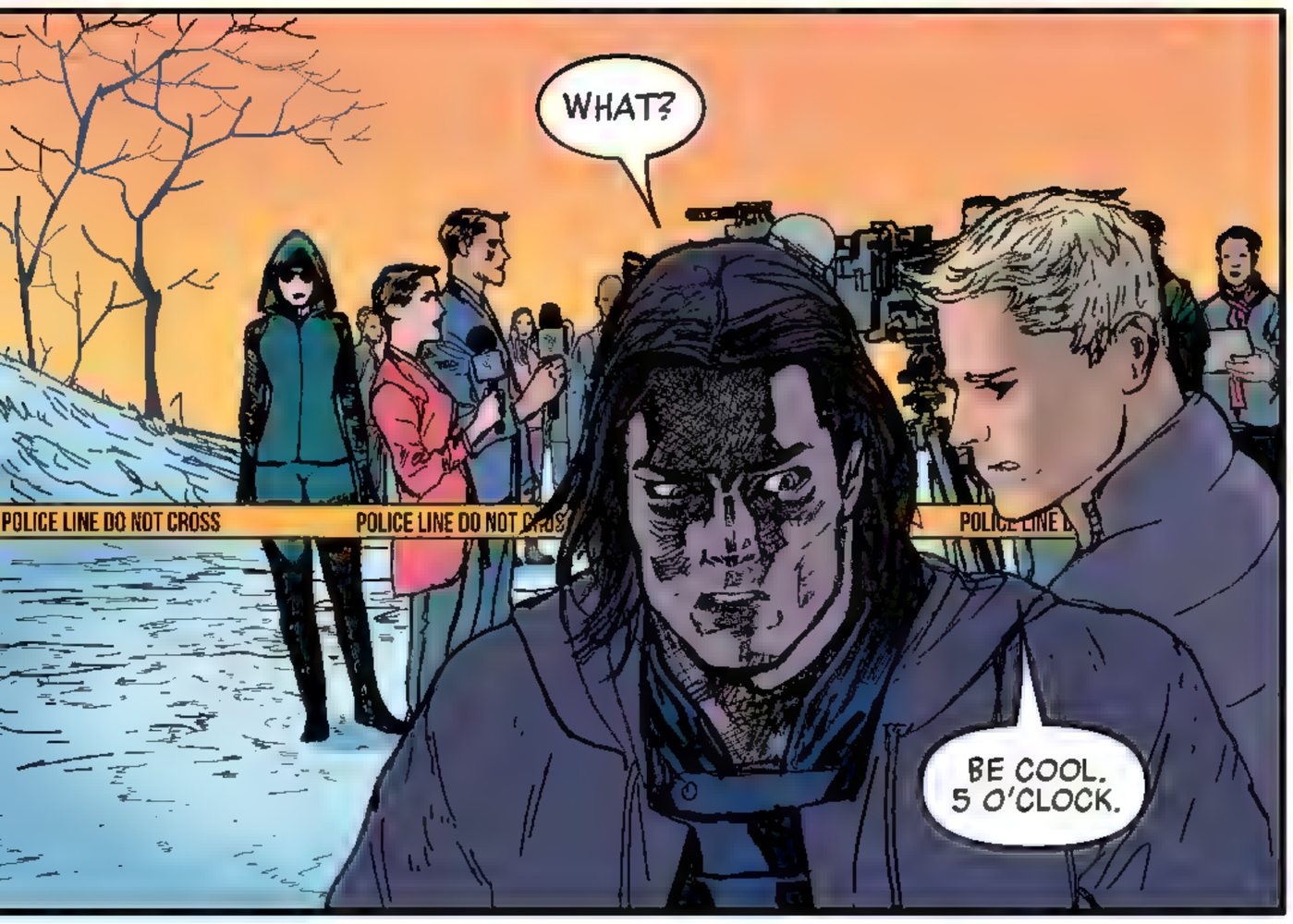


THAT'S A GOOD POINT, NANCY DREW. WE JUST WATCHED HER BLOW UP, FALL THOUSANDS OF FEET AND THEN SINK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FREEZING HUDSON RIVER. SHE'S PROBABLY FINE.

I'LL BELIEVE SHE'S DEAD WHEN THEY FIND A BODY.

GET THE M.E. ON SITE. WE GOT A BODY DOWN HERE!
@#$%.

SO IF YOU'RE RIGHT AND--
BUCKY.
--IF NATASHA WAS SOMEHOW--
BUCKY!
DO NOT CROSS
POLICE LINE DO NOT
MALIBU BEACH 289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POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS
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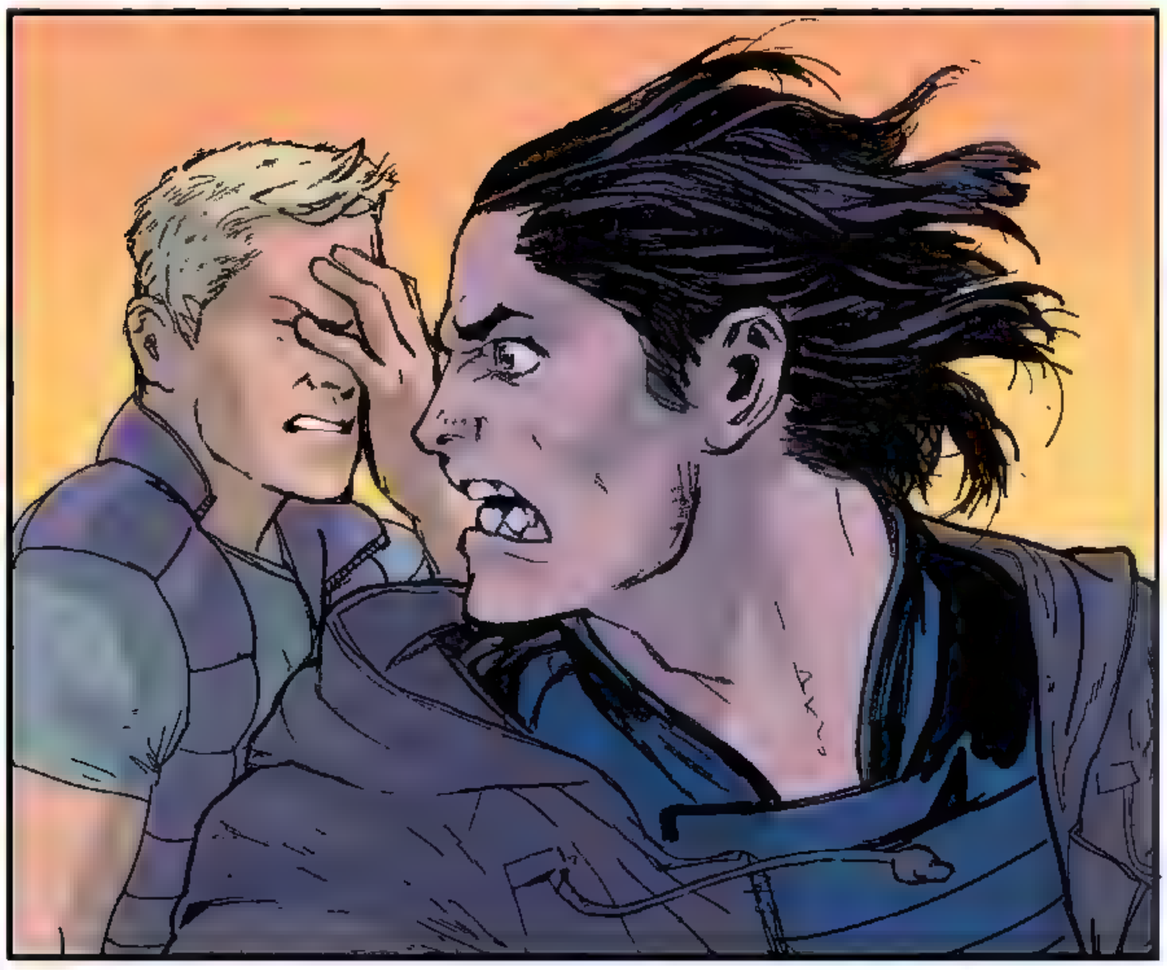
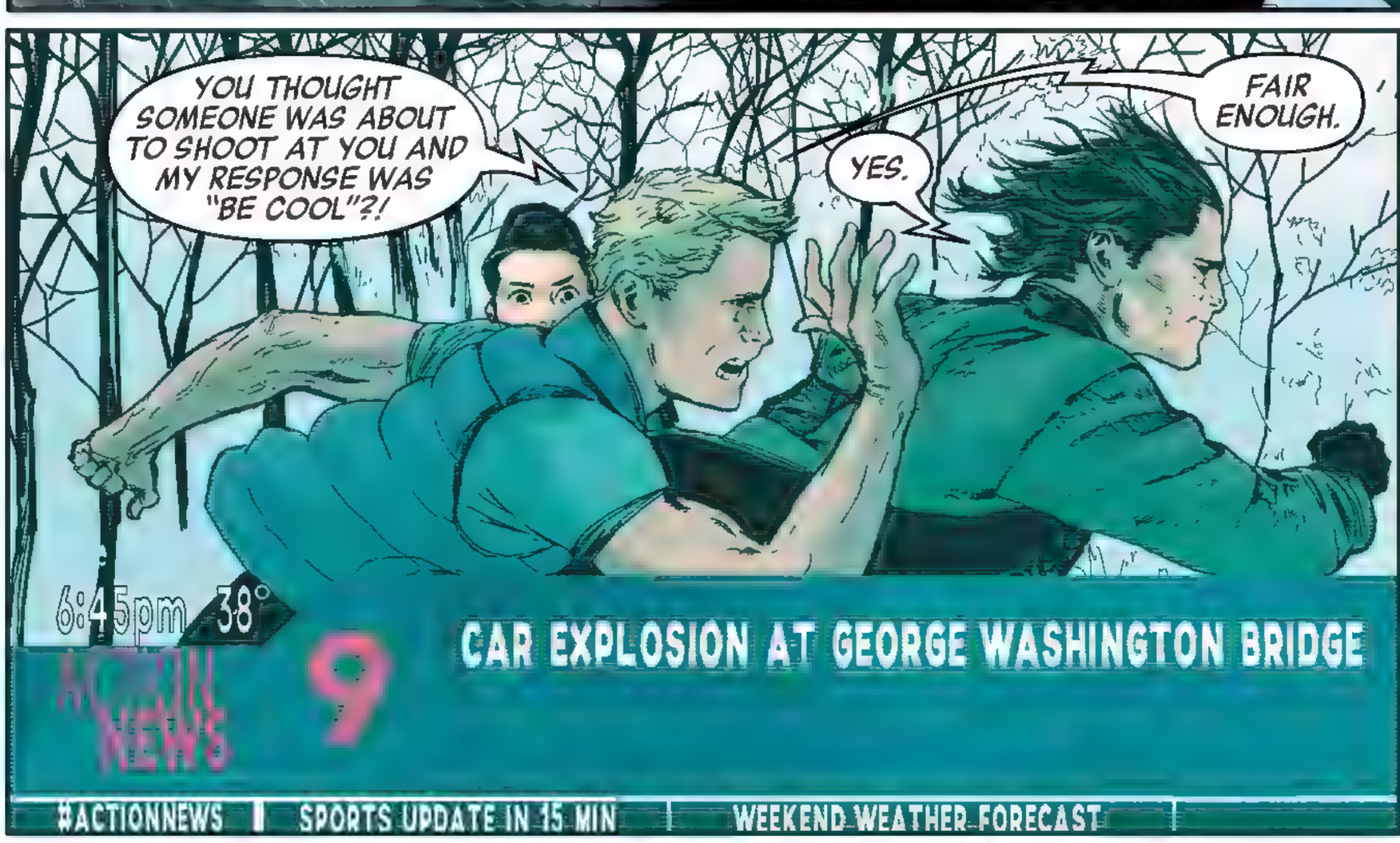
BE COOL. 5 O'CLOCK.



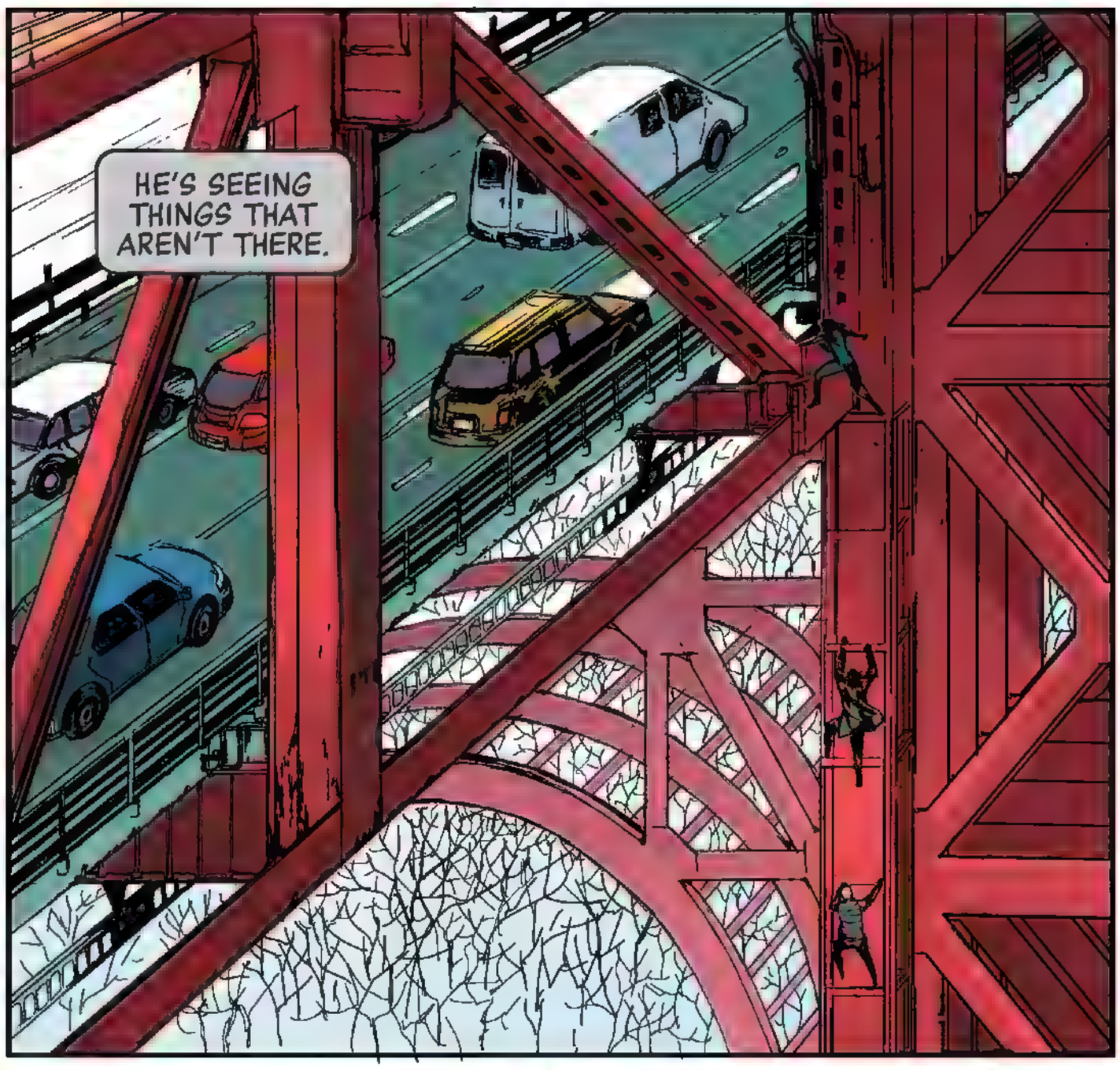
THAT WAS YOU "BEING COOL"?! HOW D'YOU EVER GET THE DROP ON ANYONE, MAN?
'SCUSE US! AVENGERS BUSINESS!
I ASSUMED SOMEONE HAD A WEAPON.
ACTION NEWS


YOU THOUGHT SOMEONE WAS ABOUT TO SHOOT AT YOU AND MY RESPONSE WAS "BE COOL"?!
YES.
FAIR ENOUGH.
6:45pm 38°
ACTION NEWS 9
CAR EXPLOSION AT GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE
#ACTIONNEWS | SPORTS UPDATE IN 15 MIN | WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

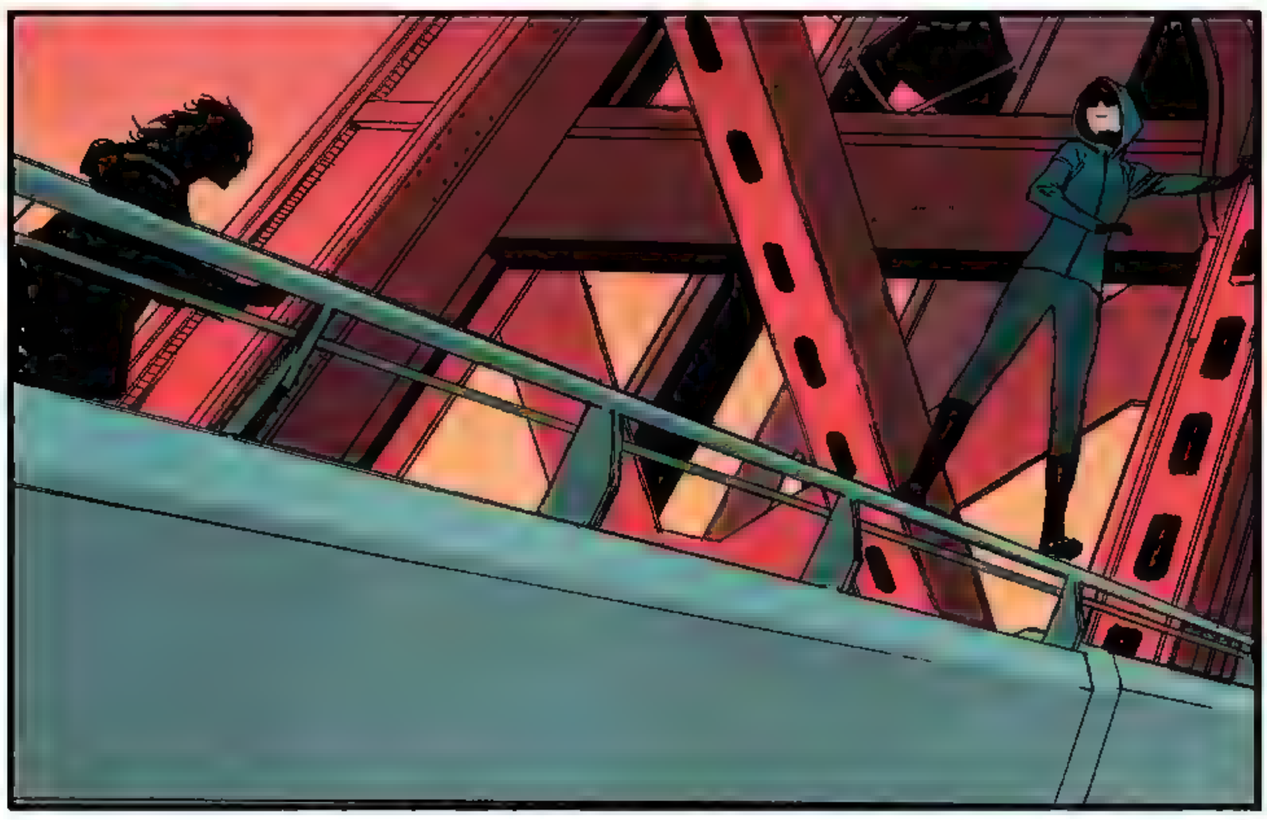
WAIT, YOU CAN'T ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT'S--

SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY SHE WAS STANDING.
THAT'S IT?!

AND SHE CAN DO THAT.
HAWKEYE HAS GONE THROUGH ALL OF THIS HOPING NATASHA WAS ALIVE. WISHING FOR IT.


HE'S SEEING THINGS THAT AREN'T THERE.

WHOEVER THIS WOMAN IS, IT CAN'T BE NATASHA.
SEABOARD



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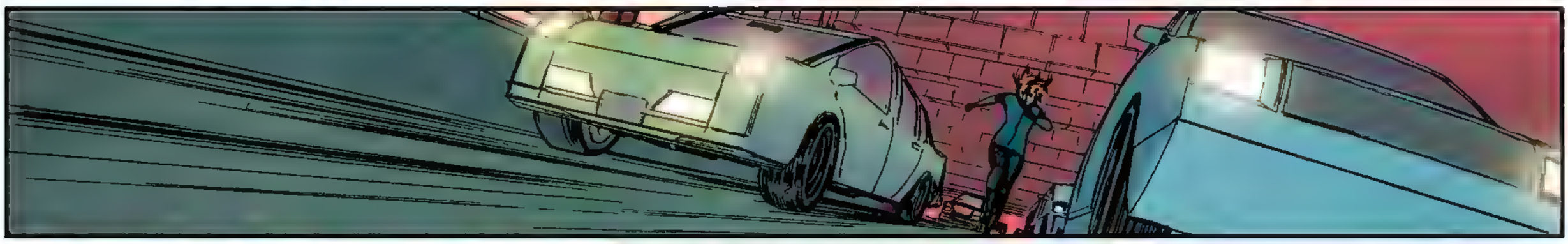
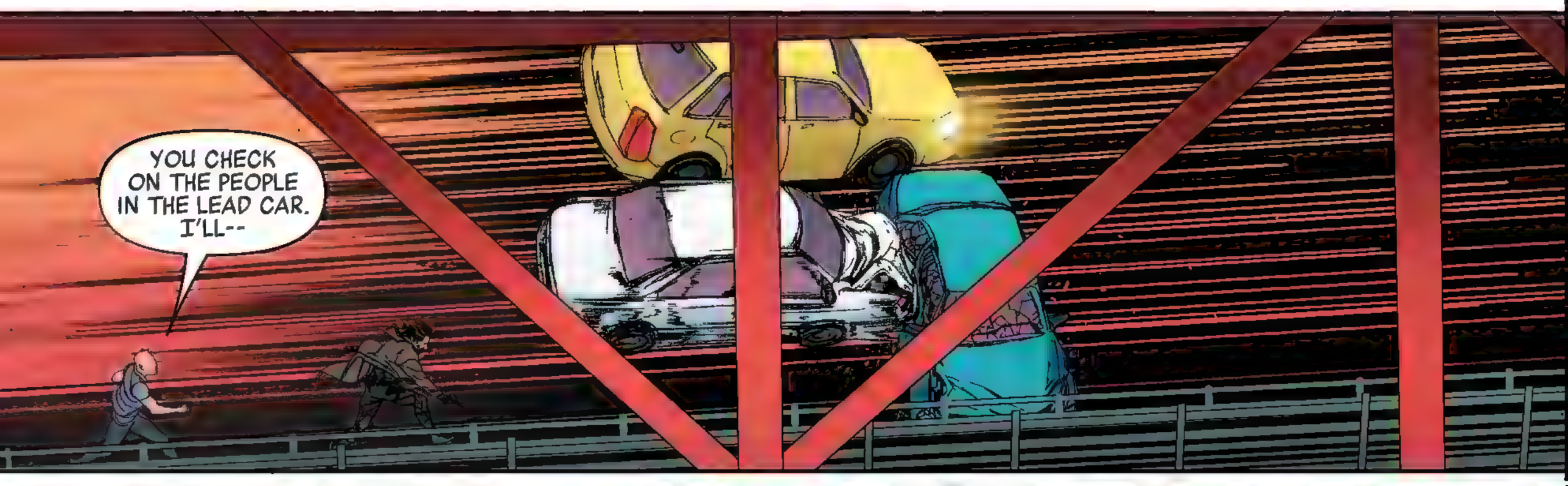


NATASHA! STOP!

BLAM
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
IT'S AN IMPOSTOR!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! YOU CAN'T JUST SHOOT AT HER. THAT'S NAT--
POP POP POP POP
MY BAD!
POP POP POP
POP

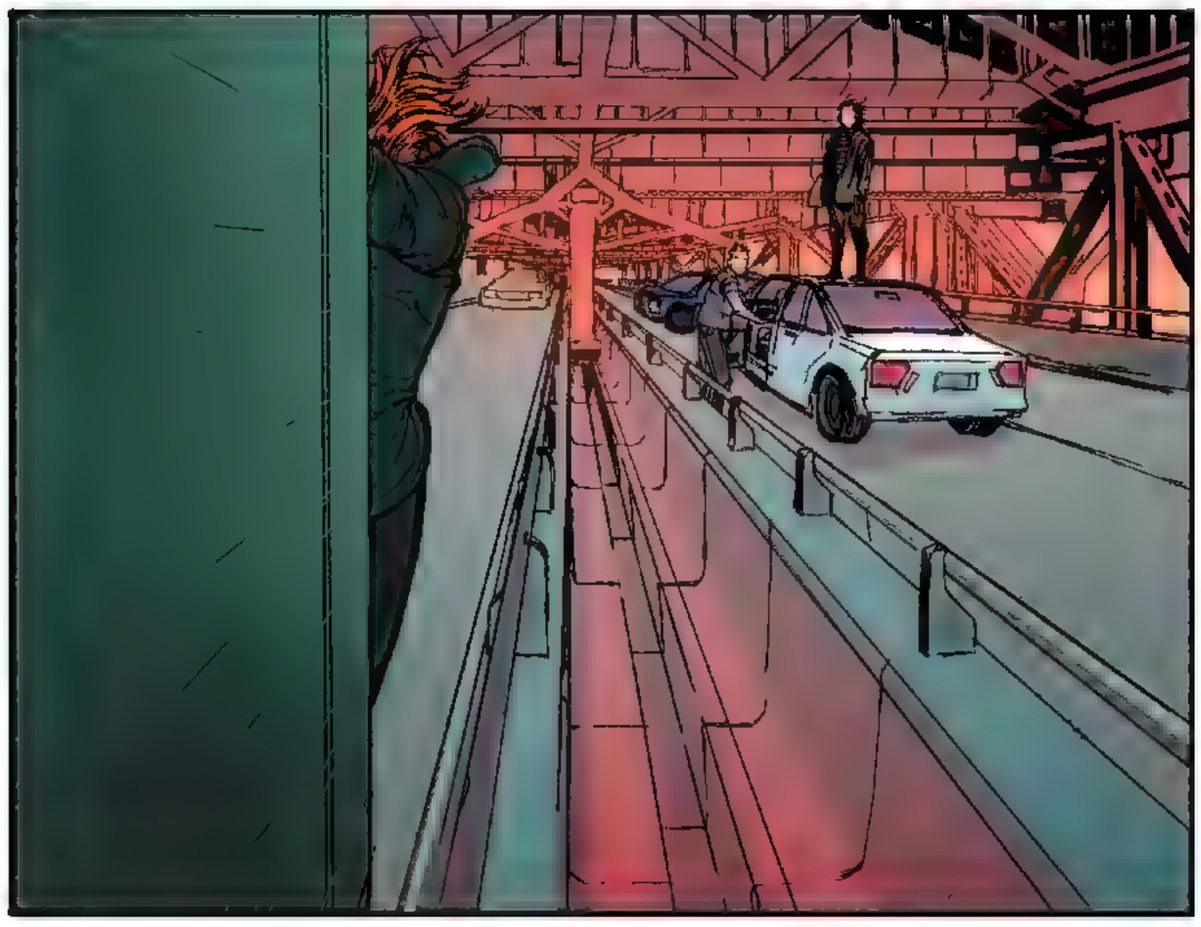

YOU CHECK ON THE PEOPLE IN THE LEAD CAR. I'LL--

BUCKY, WHAT THE HELL?!

WE'VE GOT INJURED CIVILIANS HERE!
IT'S OKAY, MA'AM. YOU'RE GONNA BE FINE.

YOU CAN'T LOSE ME, WHOEVER YOU...

...ARE.



HEY! WE ALMOST GOT THESE PEOPLE KILLED HERE!
YOU'RE STARTING A GUN FIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A BUSY HIGHWAY?!
I KNOW YOU THINK SOME MYSTERIOUS KILLER IS IMPERSONATING NAT, BUT C'MON, MAN!
DAMMIT, NATASHA.

WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK.

HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW WHO'D BE ABLE TO LOSE *US?*

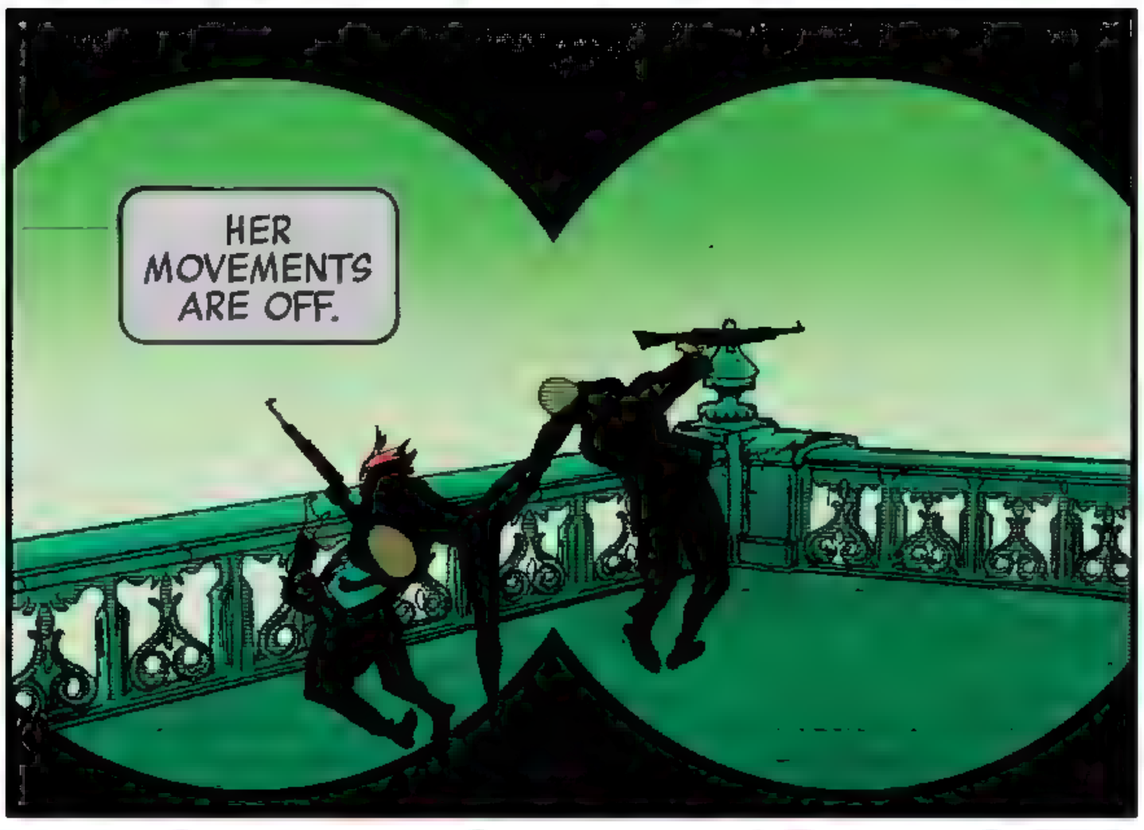
IT'S BEEN HOURS. STOP.

AND SHE JUST HAPPENS TO BE AT THE SCENE? AND RUNS FROM US FOR *NO* REASON?

PLEASE STOP.

AND SHE'S GOT LONG RED HAIR?

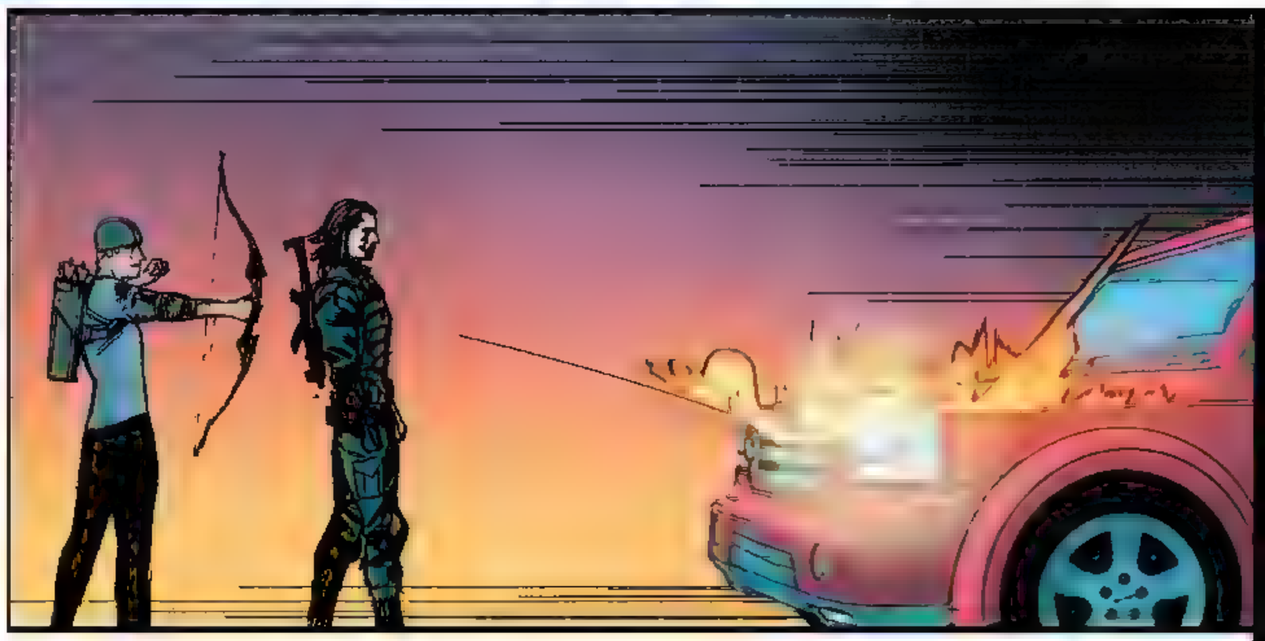
I WILL *PAY YOU* $10,000 TO STOP.

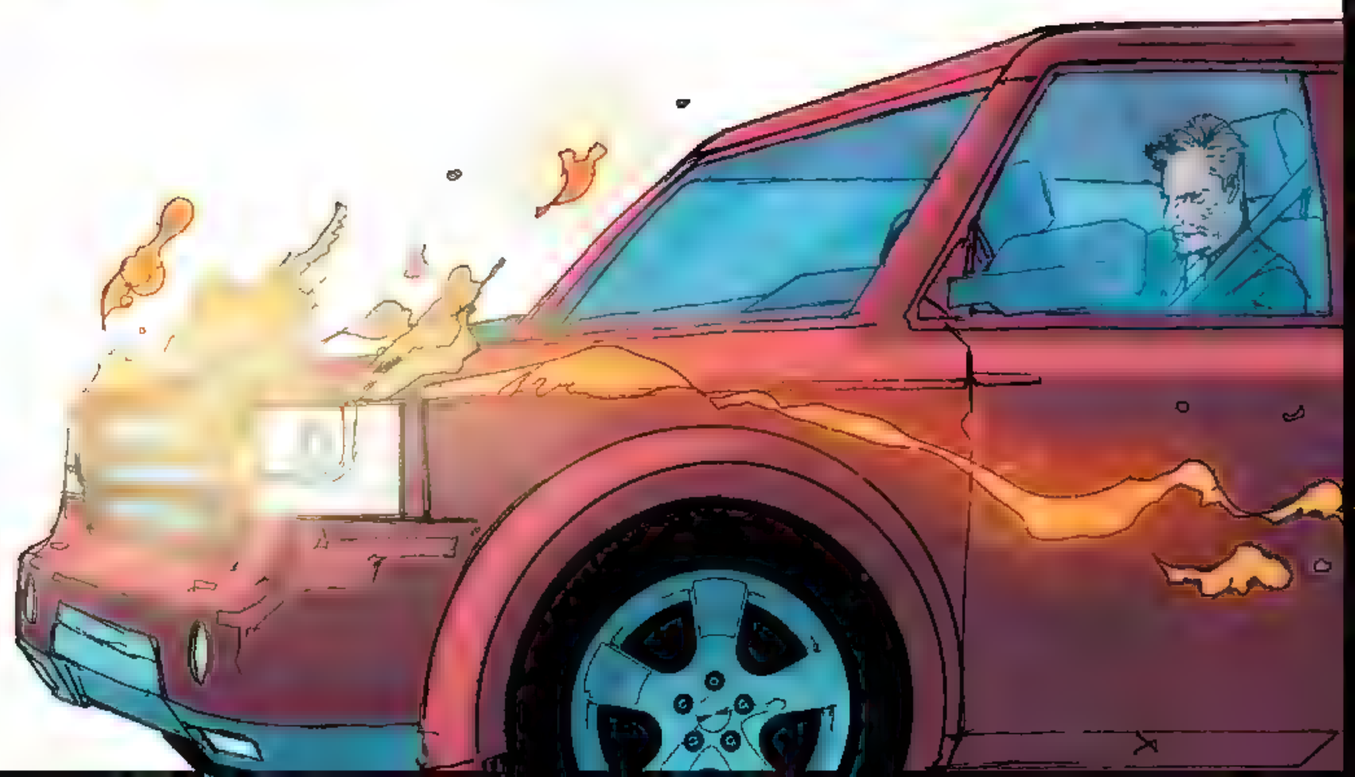


YOU KNOW, IF WE TAKE OUR TIME, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ACCIDENTALLY SAVING A HYDRA GUY'S LIFE.

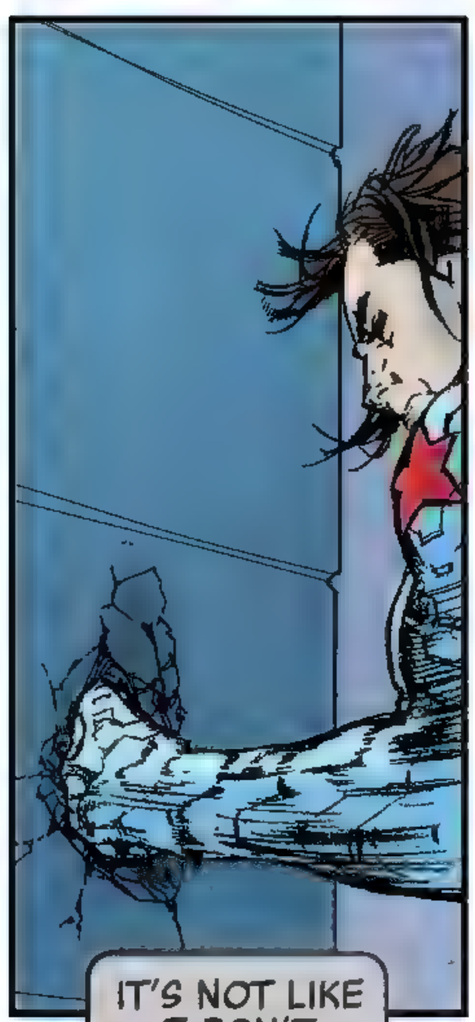
I'M KIDDING.

MOSTLY.



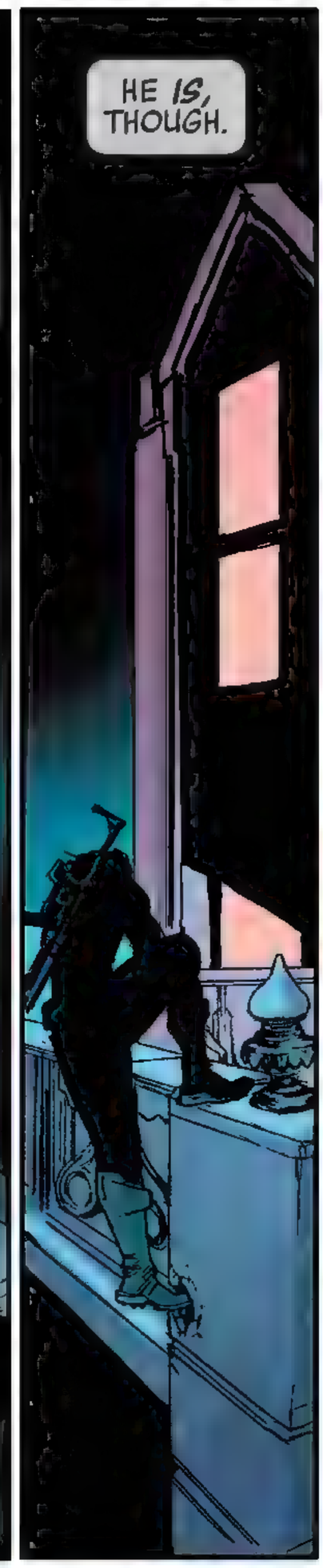


BANG BANG
I GUESS WE AREN'T GOING THE STEALTH ROUTE. PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE DISCUSSED THAT.
SMASH
SHE KNOWS WE'RE HERE NOW. LET'S MOVE.
I HATE WORKING WITH OTHER PEOPLE.
LEFT.
BARTON IS GOOD.
VERY GOOD.
GEEZ, MAN. I LET MINE KEEP HIS TEETH, AT LEAST.
BUT HE'S SO ANNOYING.


IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T RESPECT HIM.

BUT HE'S ALWAYS TAKING THE EASY WAY.

IT'S NOT THAT I THINK HE'S TOO SOFT, EITHER.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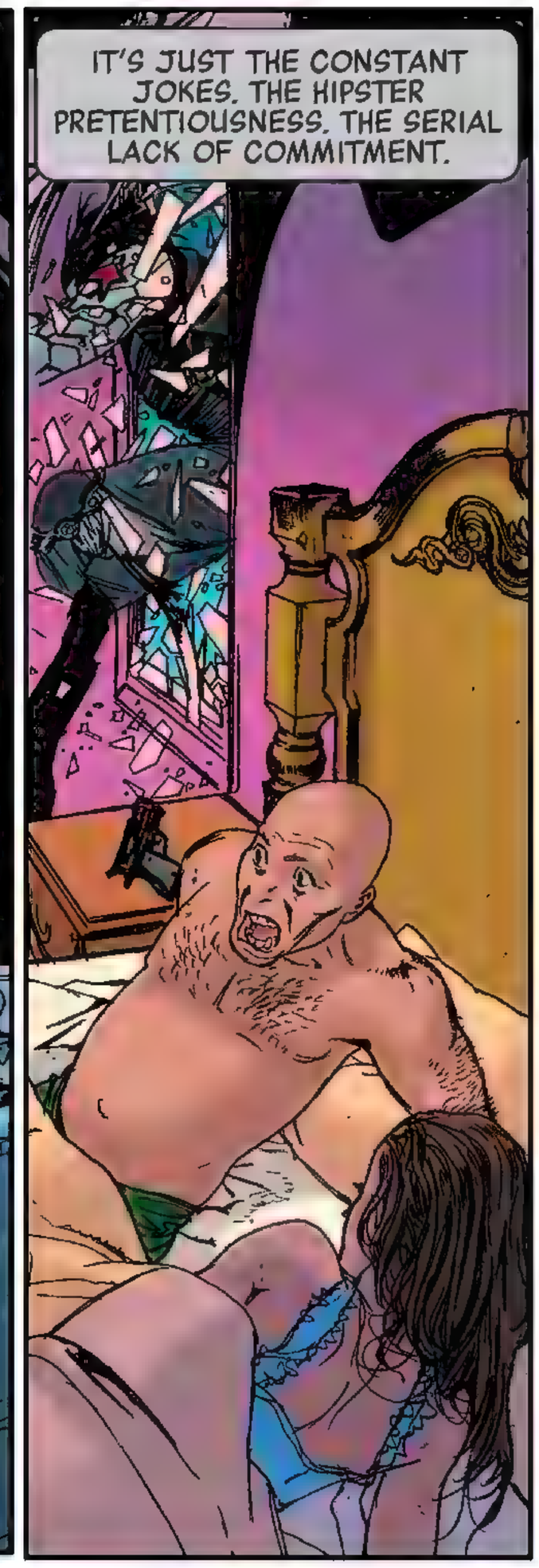
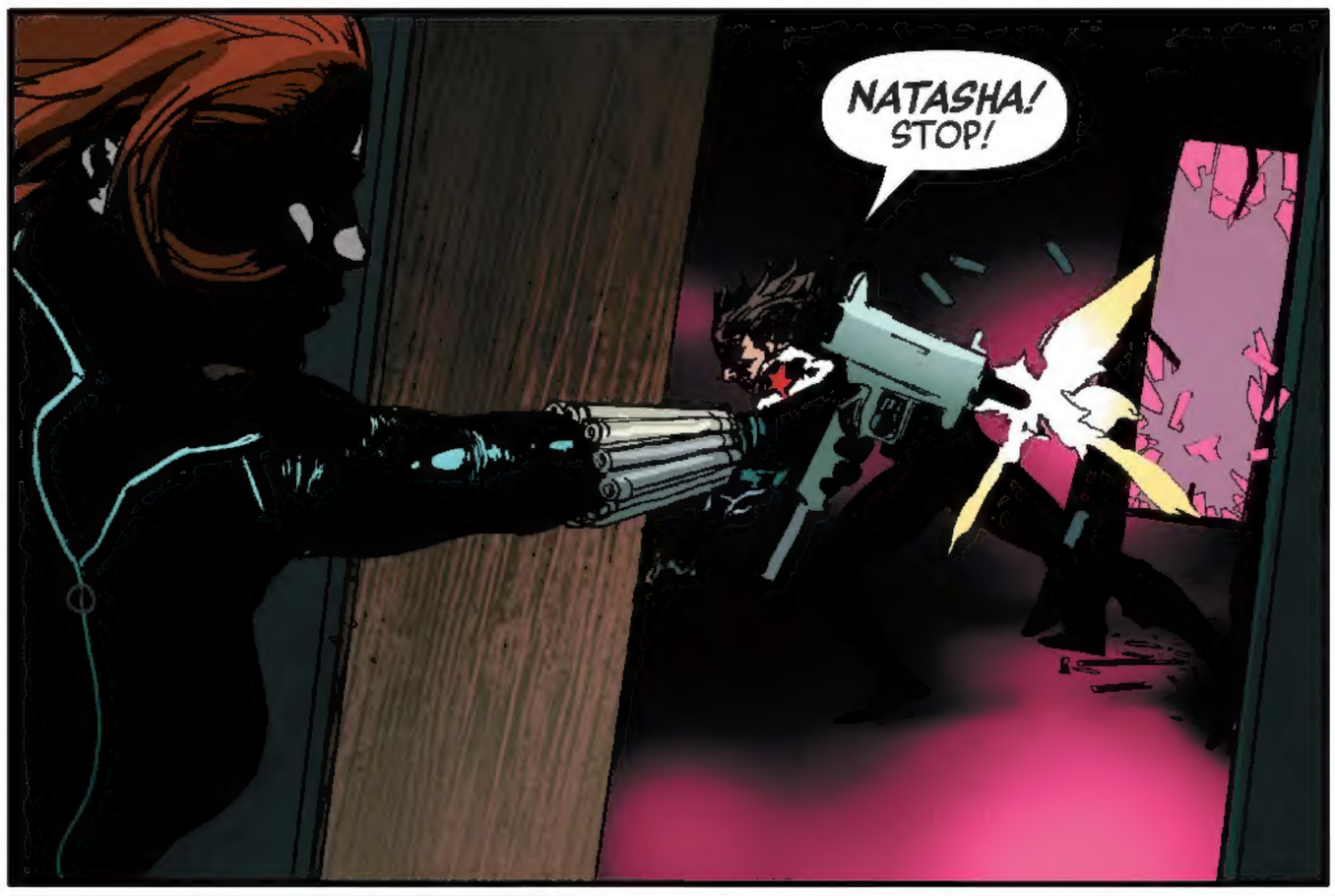

IT'S JUST THE CONSTANT JOKES. THE HIPSTER PRETENTIOUSNESS. THE SERIAL LACK OF COMMITMENT.

HE COULD BE ONE OF THE BEST. BUT INSTEAD HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE MALIBU BEACH AVENGERS OR WHATEVER.
WHAT'S GOING--

ACTUALLY, MAYBE IT *IS* THAT I DON'T RESPECT HIM.
STAY DOWN.


NATASHA! STOP!

ARRGH!

TAKE IT EASY, NAT!

THIS IS UNEXPECTED.

YELENA?! NO! IT CAN'T BE...

TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT:

EVERY THOUGHT A THOUGHT OF YOU.

ZONE